

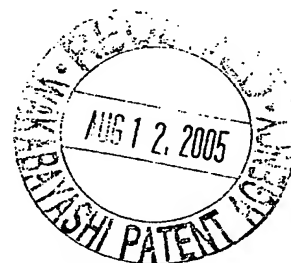
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04N 5/232		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.	
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).	
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:	
I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report
II	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority
III	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI	<input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited
VII	<input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application
VIII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1-10, 14-18, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 11-13, filed with the letter of 20 July 2004 (20.07.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
 pages 1-7, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1-3, 5-9, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 4, filed with the letter of 20 July 2004 (20.07.2004)
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The inventions relating to claims 1-7 are not described in any of the documents cited in the ISR; nor would they be obvious to a party skilled in the art.

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

According to the written amendment of January 7, 2004, the specification (page 13, lines 19-21) was amended to "buffered in internal RAM 75 to be used for compressing/encoding image data after image processing as image data D_{p3} and supplied to RSPB 76," and a missing arrow was added to Fig. 4.

However, the above amended description contradicts both the description of the specification (page 13, lines 18-19 and lines 21-26) and the description of amended Fig. 4.

In other words, image data after image processing in a regulator circuit 72 are not image data D_{p3} but image data D_{p1} . According to the description of the specification (page 13, lines 22-26), image data D_{p1} after image processing are not buffered to the internal RAM 75 as they are but the image data D_{p1} should be resize processed by the RSPB 76 and buffered to the internal RAM 75 as image data D_{p3} .

Regarding Fig. 4 as well, an arrow does not direct from the internal RAM 75 to the RSPB 76 but directs from the RSPB 76 to the internal RAM 75.

Further, in Fig. 4, a data flow of a hook-shaped line connected from a line linking the regulator circuit 72 and RSPB 76 to a line linking an external RAM controller 73 and the internal RAM 75 is still not clear, and which data are to be outputted from where to where are not clear.

In other words, if image data D_{p1} are to be outputted from the regulator circuit 72 to the external RAM controller 73, a hook should face an opposite direction. Also, if image data D_{p3} are to be outputted from the RSPB 76 to the external RAM controller 73, it is unnatural because image data D_{p1} and image data D_{p3} exist on the same line. As image data D_{p3} are buffered in the internal RAM 75 from the beginning, the above hook-shape line is considered unnecessary.